

George Colbert to Andrew Jackson, March 1, 1816, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

GEORGE COLBERT TO JACKSON.

Colbert's Ferry, March 1, 1816.

friend Brother, This day I have had the pleasure of seeing you letter, with respecting Genl Coffee and runing the line made cession by the Treaty of Fort Jackson to the United States; and as to Genl Coffees being Appointed as Commissionor to lay of the boundry lines I did not know any thing of it or his being runing the line's untill he came on as far as the Mouth Caney Creek; and there send a few lines to me as express with a letter to our Agent Col. Cocke by one of his men, requesting that I should send the letter on to Col. Cocke without dailey, which I did in a few minites after it being hand to me, since that time to this, last night I have received a massiage from the head men of this Nation, that there is a council call on hand, which I must attend to without fail, however I dont not know what it is for, but Genl Coffee might have orded them to hole a council with him for what I know. and as to stoping or giveing any insult to Genl. Coffee, I dont believe the Chickesaw knowd any thing of his laying of the line however they might have known it but my opinion that they not. If they talk any thing like that un[i]ted states agent as a gride ought to have told them better If there was any of the kind you letter to me will convince them there ignorance and will rejoice at your friendly advice

I am Sir yr friend and Brother with respectfully yr mo Hobl Servt